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To whom it may concern,

I was unable to find information on the penalties, so I am relying on newspaper articles that I have written in the past.

I am happy that the DOJ and Microsoft are settling the case and moving on. As a user, I expect easy to use and reliable software; software that works together. Breaking up Microsoft or imposing other draconian measures would just help competitors, not users.

As part of the penalty phase, do not allow Microsoft to give out free or reduced cost software to the education market or any other market that another OS has a strong market share. I can't think of a penalty that would benefit Microsoft greater. Require Microsoft to discount upgrade products to "current" users, not a market that Apple or another company competes in nicely.

I use a MS OS, MS applications, and am a small Microsoft stockholder.

Sincerely,

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